

McConnell motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2660, to prohibit the President from waiving, suspending, reducing, providing relief from, or otherwise limiting the application of sanctions pursuant to an agreement related to the nuclear program of Iran.

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McConnell Amendment No. 2661 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2660), of a perfecting nature.

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McConnell Amendment No. 2662 (to Amendment No. 2661), of a perfecting nature.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 266), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on McConnell Amendment No. 2656 (to Amendment No. 2640).

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the joint resolution, be withdrawn.

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By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 267), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on McConnell Amendment No. 2640.

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Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 36, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, September 22, 2015.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 2 p.m., on Monday, September 21, 2015, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Sim Farar, of California, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2015.

Sim Farar, of California, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

William Joseph Hybl, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2015.

William Joseph Hybl, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

Michael C. McGowan, of Delaware, to be United States Marshal for the District of Delaware, for the term of four years.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—267)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:20 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6820.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 2051, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the livestock mandatory price reporting requirements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

MARITIME SECURITY STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine maritime security strategy in the Asia-Pacific region, after receiving testimony from Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr., USN, Pacific Command, and David B. Shear, Assistant Secretary for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, both of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Adam J. Szubin, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury, after

the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Shelby, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Sarah Elizabeth Feinberg, of West Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Manchin, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

FEDERAL LAND RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of and potential reforms to the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act, after receiving testimony from Peggy O'Dell, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Mary Wagner, Associate Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Kitty Benzar, Western Slope No-Fee Coalition, Durango, Colorado; and David L. Brown, America Outdoors Association, Knoxville, Tennessee.

TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on State Department processes in establishing tier rankings for the 2015 Trafficking in

Persons Report from Anthony J. Blinken, Deputy Secretary of State.

BIOSIMILAR IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security concluded a hearing to examine biosimilar implementation, focusing on a progress report from FDA, after receiving testimony from Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 32, to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity; and

The nominations of John Michael Vazquez, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Wilhelmina Marie Wright, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, and Paula Xinis, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 3531–3555; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 424–429 were introduced. **Pages H6135–38**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6138–39**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Allen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6079**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:02 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6086**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Brondon Reems, Center of Hope Community Church, Oakland, California. **Pages H6086–87**

Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 758, to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 501. **Pages H6090–H6121**

Rejected the DelBene motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 179 yeas to 239 nays, Roll No. 500. **Pages H6118–20**

H. Res. 420, amended, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 348) and (H.R. 758) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 499. **Pages H6111–12**

Agreed to the Collins (GA) amendment by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 498, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 497. **Pages H6109–11**